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Applicant(s): Tokunaga

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For: PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERSION DEVICE, FOCUS DETECTION DEVICE,
METHOD OF CONTROLLING THESE DEVICES, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this preliminary amendment before an examination of this case on the merits.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.